

In his retirement announcement, John noted that the country's first Inspector General was appointed by General George Washington to be the "eyes, ears, and conscience of the commander." We are truly fortunate that CIA, and the Intelligence Community as a whole, had John's eyes, ears and conscience throughout his career. We will miss his intelligence, insight and honesty.

As Chairman of the Intelligence Committee, I have come to trust and rely on John's good judgment in a variety of sensitive situations. I thank him for working with me to ensure that his office and my committee maintained a professional, productive relationship. I wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DENNY REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Mr. REHBERG. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105, the FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act:

Requesting Member: Representative DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: H.R. 1105

The Account: DOJ—COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Project: Missoula Public Safety Operations and Training Center

Amount: \$750,000

Description: The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Missoula at 200 West Broadway, Missoula, MT 59802. Funding would be used in development and construction of a multi-use facility for local law enforcement, fire, and public health agencies.

Requesting Member: Representative DENNY REHBERG

The Bill Number: H.R. 1105

The Account: Impact Aid

Project: Heart Butte School District

Amount: \$91,000

Description: The entity to receive funding for this project is Heart Butte School District located at Heart Butte School Road in Heart Butte, MT 59448. Impact Aid is a program designed to ensure military children, children residing on Indian lands, and children residing on federally-owned low rent housing facilities receive a quality education by helping school districts, which have lost tax revenue as a result of the federal presence in their district.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Mr. HERGER. Madam Speaker, Pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the follow information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009:

DIVISION A—AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2009

Requesting Member: Congressman WALLY HERGER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: California Department of Food and Agriculture

Address of Requesting Entity: 1220 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$581,000 in order to augment local and state contributions to the California County Pest Detection Augmentation Program, and would be used to establish dog teams at strategic locations throughout California. The dog, its handler, and support staff would perform inspection and investigation of incoming shipments, as well as the evaluation of the potential for broad infestation. The California County Pest Detection Augmentation Program is a locally-led inspection program that focuses on agricultural and plant material entering the state at its various points of entry.

Requesting Member: Congressman WALLY HERGER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: California Department of Food and Agriculture

Address of Requesting Entity: 1220 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$693,000 to help local and state officials detect dozens of threatening pest species, which if left unchecked, could result in an enormously costly and damaging agricultural infestation. Facilitating a vibrant trade in agricultural commodities is good for American farmers and consumers alike. But to maintain food security for the nation and to protect California's natural environment from infestation by invasive species, prudent investments in pest detection at all levels of government must continue.

DIVISION C—ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACTS 2009

Requesting Member: Congressman WALLY HERGER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Reclamation District 2140

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 758, Hamilton City, CA 95951

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$832,000 to enable the Corps of Engineers to complete Preconstruction Engineering and Design (PED) for this ecosystem restoration and flood control project. The Hamilton City, CA flood damage reduction and ecosystem restoration project (P.L. 110–114, Sec. 1001(8)) will provide significantly enhanced flood protection to 2,600 area residents and nearby agricultural lands, and will restore approximately 1500 acres of riparian habitat along the Sacramento River. Of the total cost (\$3,359,000), \$840,000 will be borne by the non-federal sponsors.

Requesting Member: Congressman WALLY HERGER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: State of California, Department of Water Resources

Address of Requesting Entity: 1416 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$48,000 to investigate the feasibility of in-

creasing the level of flood protection for the urbanized area in the City of Woodland, and possibly some nearby unincorporated lands in Yolo County, from a 1 in 10–year level of flood protection to greater than 1 in 100–year level of flood protection. The non-federal sponsors will share 50% of the total project cost.

Requesting Member: Congressman WALLY HERGER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: State of California, Department of Water Resources

Address of Requesting Entity: 1416 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$669,000 to enable the Corps to complete the Sutter feasibility study and allow state and local interests to initiate corrective work identified by the Corps' study using state and local funds. The non-federal share of the total project cost (estimated \$8,258,000) is estimated to be \$4,100,000.

Requesting Member: Congressman WALLY HERGER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction General

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: State of California, Department of Water Resources

Address of Requesting Entity: 1416 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,914,000 to be coupled with dedicated State of California funds and enable the Corps of Engineers to complete the project's Limited Reevaluation Report and continue construction and mitigation work for this flood protection effort. This important project includes levee repair and reconstruction along the Sacramento and Feather Rivers, specifically consisting of installation of landside berms with toe drains, ditch relocation, embankment modification, and slurry cut-off walls to address seepage and levee boil issues which threaten the performance of flood control structures that protect close to \$100 million worth of public infrastructure and private property.

Requesting Member: Congressman WALLY HERGER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction General

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: State of California, Department of Water Resources

Address of Requesting Entity: 1416 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$22,967,000 for the Sacramento River Bank Protection Project. This project is located within the limits of the existing Sacramento River Flood Control Project (SRFCP) in Northern California. The integrity of various sections of Sacramento River and tributary levees has become seriously eroded, so much so that the State of California issued a statewide emergency declaration to address the levee deficiencies. Much progress has been made to correct the system's weak points, due to support from Congress, the Administration, and the State of California. Additional federal and state funding is required to continue corrective work throughout the Sacramento River system. \$163,000,000 of the total project cost (\$510,700,000) will be borne by the non-federal sponsors.

Requesting Member: Congressman WALLY HERGER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction General

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Glenn Colusa Irrigation District

Address of Requesting Entity: 344 East Laurel Street, Willows, CA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$600,000 to accelerate work on correcting deficiencies in the Gradient Facility and to initiate bank stabilization work in the vicinity of River Mile 208. The Corps of Engineers was a critical project participant in the construction of a large, state-of-the-art fish screen and pumping facility along the Sacramento River at Hamilton City, CA. Specifically, the Corps constructed a "Gradient Facility" within the mainstem of the river in order to stabilize the river's surface level and ensure optimal effectiveness of the new screened diversion. Recent surveys have uncovered various deficiencies at the project area during low river flows. As many as 298 "high spots" have been identified where the Gradient Facility breaks the surface of the water and creates a hazard for boaters. In addition, significant bank erosion is also occurring within the vicinity of the fish screen project. Left unchecked, this erosion could jeopardize the operability of the pumping station.

Requesting Member: Congressman WALLY HERGER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction General

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Yuba County Water Agency

Address of Requesting Entity: 1220 F Street, Marysville, CA 95901

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$3,110,000 to strengthen the federal levee system up to a 200-year level flood protection for communities in Yuba County, California. To date, local interests and the State of California have invested \$145,000,000 in the project, and anticipate an additional expenditure of up to \$215,000,000. With total project costs estimated to be approximately \$400,000,000, the only anticipated federal construction contribution will be \$33,000,000 for improvements to the Marysville ring levee, a figure that is well below the authorized 65–35 percent cost-share ratio. When completed, the Yuba River project will provide the highest levee of flood protection for any community in California's Central Valley.

Requesting Member: Congressman WALLY HERGER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Bureau of Reclamation, California Bay Delta Ecosystem Restoration Project

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Family Water Alliance

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 365, Maxwell, CA 95955

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2,000,000 to facilitate the screening of small water diversions (fewer than 100 cubic feet per second) throughout the Sacramento Valley. Section 103(d)(6)(iii) of the Water Supply, Reliability, and Environmental Improvement Act (P.L. 108–361) authorizes the Secretary to participate in fish screen and fish passage improvement projects as part of the larger Ecosystem Restoration program established under the CALFED program.

Requesting Member: Congressman WALLY HERGER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Northern California Water Association

Address of Requesting Entity: 455 Capitol Mall, Suite 335, Sacramento, CA 95814

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$4,000,000 for additional screening of large agricultural diversions. Section 3406 (b)(21) of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (P.L. 102–575) requires the Bureau of Reclamation to work with state and local partners to protect federally protected aquatic species through the screening of major water diversions throughout the CVP system. USBR and its local partners have achieved considerable accomplishments under this program in recent years. The Meridian Farms Water Company and the Natomas Mutual Water Company in Northern California are each working to consolidate and screen major water diversion facilities on the Sacramento River in order to preserve reliable water supplies for agriculture and managed wetlands and remain in compliance with the federal Endangered Species Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman WALLY HERGER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources, Central Valley Project, Sacramento River Division

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Northern California Water Association; Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority; Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District

Address of Requesting Entity: 455 Capitol Mall, Suite 335, Sacramento, CA 95814 (NCWA); PO Box 1025, Willows, CA 95988 (TCCA); 344 East Laurel Street, Willows, CA (GCID)

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$6,449,000, which of the funds provided: \$1,200,000 is to be coupled with state and local investments for the Sacramento Valley Integrated Plan in order to seek a better understanding of the process for groundwater recharge and production from the main aquifer system in the area; and \$2,900,000 is for the Red Bluff Diversion Dam to ensure reliable water deliveries for over 120,000 acres of mostly small and mid-sized farms, and will greatly complement other restoration projects throughout the CVP aimed at improving anadromous fish populations. Funding is also provided for the Hamilton city pumping plant and other programmatic purposes.

DIVISION I—TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2009

Requesting Member: Congressman WALLY HERGER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Transportation, Federal Lands (Public Lands Highways)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Butte County Association of Governments

Address of Requesting Entity: 2580 Sierra Sunrise Terrace, Suite 100, Chico, CA 95928

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$998,450 to upgrade a 9.6 mile section of roadway that crosses federal lands between communities of Inskip and Butte Meadows from a one-lane gravel road to a paved two-lane route. Fire danger in this area is extremely high with high volumes of very dense fuel sources. These improvements are nec-

essary to provide Upper Ridge residents, recreational visitors, and emergency vehicles with an emergency evacuation route in the event of a catastrophic wildfire. It will also increase the chances for effective efforts to control instances of wildfire by cutting in half the response time for fire backup support services. The project is estimated to cost \$19,000,000 over the next three construction seasons. The county is using its State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) dollars (approximately \$1,892,000) for funding environmental, design, and right of way construction and support. The project has received \$5,000,000 from the Federal Highway Administration's Federal Lands Highway Program. It has also received \$5,800,000 in SAFETEA-LU, and \$980,000 in last year's appropriations bill for Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies.

CONGRATULATING THE FORT WORTH TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ON THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Fort Worth Transportation Authority, who celebrated their Silver Anniversary in November. This outstanding group of people has made the city of Fort Worth a leader in Texas transportation.

The "T", as it is commonly known, was officially formed on November 8, 1983, when Fort Worth voters approved its passed a referendum on its creation with over 55% support. Over the years, service was extended to other nearby townships. In 1991, Lake Worth joined The "T", and in 1992, Blue Mound and Richland Hills joined. In 2001, the Trinity Railway Express (TRE), a joint effort with DART of Dallas, connected the two cities, allowing riders to travel the 35 miles from one downtown to the other on a single train, and also connecting the two cities to DFW International Airport. The TRE is currently the tenth-most ridden commuter rail in the country with nearly 9 million annual passenger trips.

The "T" serves Fort Worth and the surrounding partnering communities with 36 bus routes operated and maintained from their facilities at 1600 E. Lancaster Avenue at the entrance to the 26th District. It also runs a carpool and vanpool service, allowing people who live close to one another to reduce the cost, and the exhaust emissions, of their daily commutes. Finally, it operates a Mobility Impaired Transportation Service, which provides vehicles, drivers, and passenger assistance to those who require it.

With the completion of the Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC), The "T" has provided the downtown connection between bus service, the TRE, and Amtrak and an instrumental resource to the thriving business core of Fort Worth. Future plans for new Commuter rail for Southwest and Northeast Tarrant County will further connect participating cities with DFW airport. Also, development to address congestion in communities such as Arlington and the explosive growth found in communities in the Alliance area provides further